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at Purdue



Sept. 6
at Auburn



Sept. 13 | Family Weekend
vs. New Hampshire



Sept. 28
at Connecticut



Oct. 4 | Community Day
vs. Ohio



Oct. 11
at Western Michigan



Oct. 18 | Homecoming
vs. Akron



Oct. 25
at Northern Illinois



Nov. 5
vs. Kent State



Nov. 15
vs. Eastern Michigan



Nov. 22
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Houston, Texas



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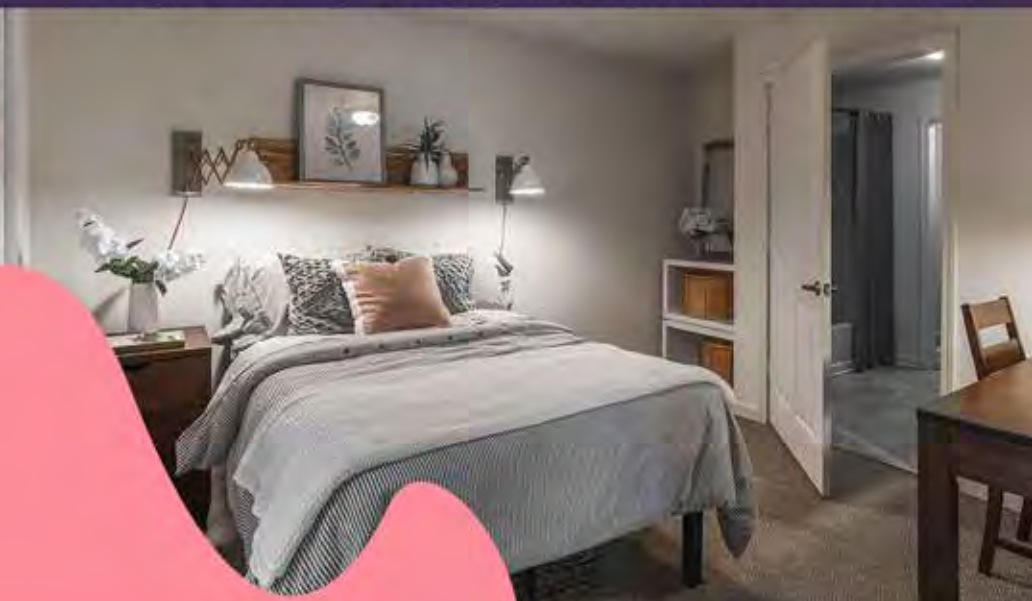




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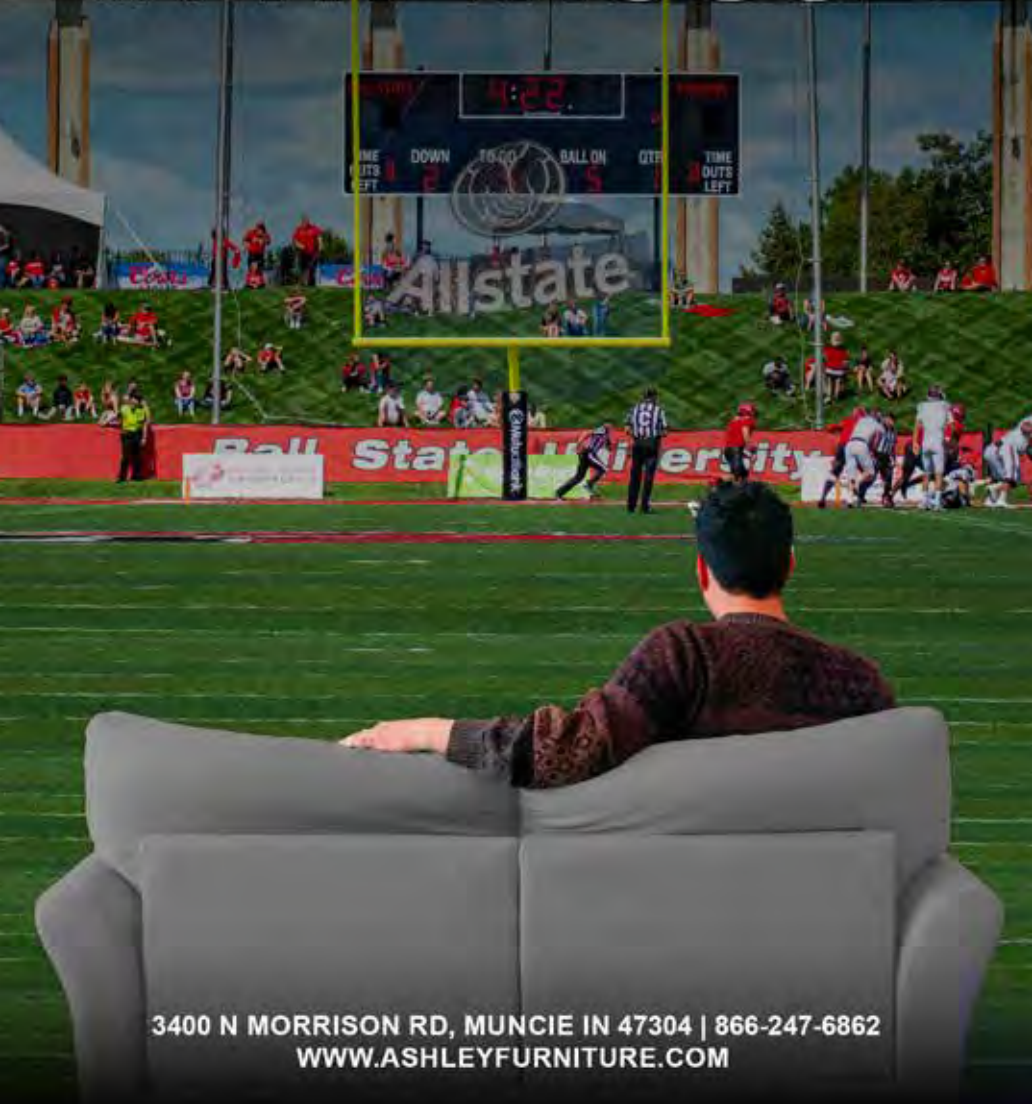
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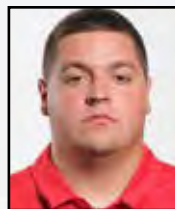
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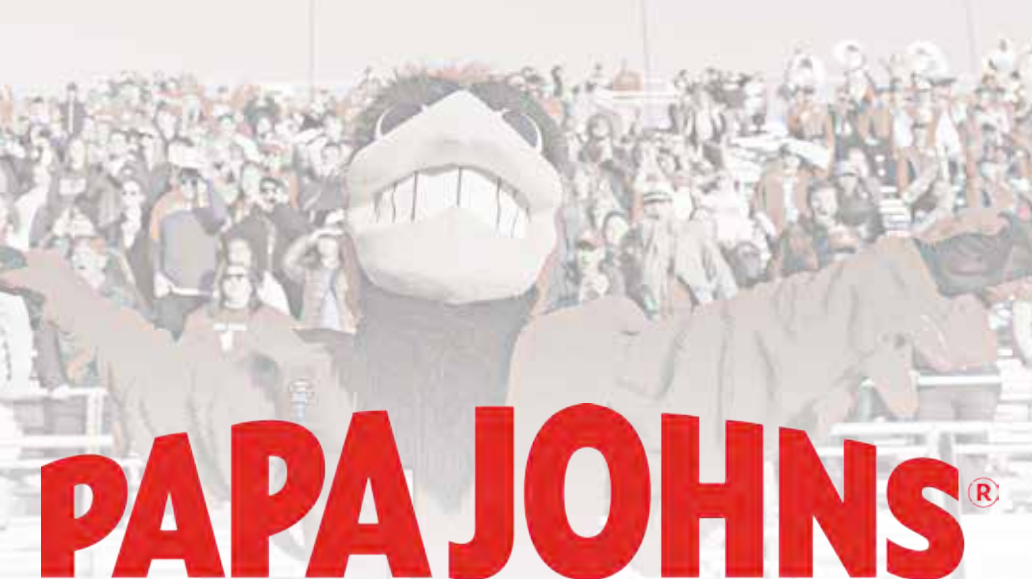
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HEAD COACH MIKE UREMOVICH



Mike Uremovich assumed football leadership duties at Ball State on Dec. 4, 2024, becoming the 19th head coach in program history.

He joins the Cardinals' football program with a wide range of coaching experience from high school, small college, FCS and FBS levels -- including time spent within Group of 5 and Power 4 conference environments. He has been a coordinator or head coach during 20 of 25 seasons as a college coach, and his recruiting connections are deep in the Midwest, East Coast and Southeast regions.

Named the head coach at Butler three years earlier, Uremovich guided the Bulldogs to three straight winning seasons and a 23-11 record. A 9-3 mark in 2024 led to the first national ranking in program history, debuting in the FCS Coaches Poll at No. 25 and rising as high as No. 23.

His three winning seasons at Butler were the program's first string of three consecutive winning seasons since 1987 to 1989.

Uremovich, 48, arrives in Muncie with six bowl appearances under his belt and prior coaching experience in the Mid-American Conference, spending six seasons over three separate stints at Northern Illinois. In four years in a full-time capacity at NIU, the Huskies were 33-20 overall with a 25-7 ledger in the MAC.

He is the second Ball State football coaching hire named directly from Butler and he is the second coach this year to emerge from the Pioneer Football League (PFL) to assume an FBS head coaching job. Scott Abell resigned from his post at Davidson on Nov. 26, to take over at Rice.

At Butler, Uremovich guided the Bulldogs to a 7-4 season in 2022 and again in 2023, recording five PFL victories each year. Over three years at the helm of the program, the Bulldogs were 15-9 against league opponents and 15-4 overall when playing inside the Bud and Jackie Sellick Bowl.

The PFL's Offensive Player of the Year was tutored by Uremovich in each of his first two years on the BU campus. Running back Jyrant Mitchell earned the honor in 2023 while quarterback Bret Bushka was the choice in 2022, alongside punter and placekicker Luka Zurak who was the PFL's Special Teams Player of the Year the same year.

Butler offenses had great success moving the ball during the three-year Uremovich era. Leading all FCS teams nationally in red zone offense and sacks allowed in 2022, the Bulldogs ranked first or second in the PFL in scoring offense, total offense and rushing offense in both 2023 and 2024. BU's 214.4 rush yards per game last season were seventh among FCS teams and its 407.8 yards of total offense ranked 28th.

While the Bulldogs' offense averaged 35.6 points and 407.8 yards per game in 2024, the defense was equally as impressive as BU led the PFL and ranked fourth in the FCS with just 16.3 points allowed per game. In 2023, the Bulldogs led the league and ranked seventh nationally by allowing an average of only 17.5.

Butler boasted a top 10 FCS ranking last year in points allowed (4th) as well as points scored (9th).





The Bulldogs began the year 5-0 last season and were 8-2 when they received the program's first national ranking. The No. 23 ranking followed a 36-20 home win over St. Thomas on senior day.

Butler also excelled in the classroom during his tenure, including seven student-athletes on Academic All-PFL teams in 2023. Highlighting that group was Academic All-American Bryan Bystol and his perfect 4.0 GPA.

Uremovich arrived in Indianapolis after serving as the offensive coordinator at Temple for three seasons (2019-21). That followed three seasons as assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at Northern Illinois (2016-18).

During the 2019 season, Jadan Blue became the first receiver in Temple program history to top the century mark with school records of 1,067 receiving yards and 95 receptions. In addition, running back Re'Mahn Davis rushed for 936 yards and eight touchdowns to rank second all-time on those respective freshman lists. In his first game calling offensive plays for Temple, Uremovich's unit set new school marks with 695 total yards and 507 passing yards against Bucknell.

Prior to Temple, Uremovich coached at Northern Illinois during three separate stints. NIU won the 2018 MAC championship and earned bowl appearances in both 2017 and 2018. The 2016 edition of the Huskies was 16th nationally in rushing yards, while future NFL Pro Bowl selection Kenny Golladay had 87 catches for 1,156 yards and eight TDs.

He previously served as the Huskies' running backs coach and special teams coordinator in 2012 under Dave Doeren, and as a graduate assistant for Joe Novak from 2001-02. In 2012, NIU won the MAC championship and became the only MAC team to play in a Bowl Championship Series game when the Huskies earned a berth in the 2013 Orange Bowl. The Huskies finished ninth in the nation in both rushing and scoring offense that season and were ranked 15th nationally in total offense, while NIU special teams units ranked fifth in the country in kickoff coverage and fourth in punt coverage. Both the 2001 and 2002 teams won MAC West Division titles.

Uremovich coached the offensive line at North Carolina State from 2013-15, where he helped the Wolfpack to a pair of bowl appearances. Behind his offensive line, the 2014 Wolfpack posted the fourth-best rushing total in school history and the best per-game average since 1992.

Uremovich had a successful seven-year tenure (2005-11) as head coach at the University of St. Francis, an NAIA program based in Joliet, Illinois. In 2011, he led the Fighting Saints to their most successful season in school history as they won

Head Coaching Record

Year	School/Team	W-L
2005	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	2-9
2006	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	1-9
2007	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	3-8
2008	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	7-4
2009	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	3-8
2010	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	7-4
2011	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	10-3
2022	Butler	7-4
2023	Butler	7-4
2024	Butler	9-3
Totals	10 years	56-56 (.500)

Coaching Experience

McCutcheon HS (Ind.)	SpT C/DBs	1996-97
Providence Catholic HS (Ill.)	WRs	1998-99
Benedictine University (Ill.)	SpT C/WRs	2000
Northern Illinois	GA	2001-02
2001 MAC West Division champions		
2002 MAC West Division champions		
Waynesburg College (Pa.)	OC	2003-04
University of St. Francis (Ill.)	HC	2005-11
2011 NAIA Quarterfinals		
Northern Illinois	SpT C/RBs	2012
2012 MAC champions BCS Orange Bowl		
North Carolina State	OLs	2013-15
2014 St Petersburg Bowl champions		
2015 Belk Bowl		
Northern Illinois	AHC/OC/RBs	2016-18
2017 Quick Lane Bowl		
2018 MAC champions Boca Raton Bowl		
Temple	AHC/OC/TEs	2018-21
2019 Military Bowl		
Butler	HC	2022-24
Ball State	HC	2025

a school-record 10 games and claimed their first win over an NCAA FCS team when they defeated Georgia State. The team was ranked as high as No. 8 in the NAIA national coaches poll and also earned the first NAIA national playoff victory in program history. Uremovich led the Saints to a 17-7 record over his final two seasons. Overall, he posted a 33-45 record, rebuilding a program that had won a total of four games over three seasons prior to his arrival.

Uremovich is a 2000 graduate of Purdue. He received his master's degree from Northern Illinois in 2002. He and his wife, Katie, have a daughter, Ella (19), and two sons, Michael (17) and Drew (13).



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Aurora University '12



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Coord./CBs*

1st Year
Northern Illinois '06



Alex Barr
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1st Year
NC State '15



Madison Bunch
Running Backs

1st Year
Central Arkansas '18



Sean Chase
Tight Ends

1st Year
Northern Illinois '15



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Inside Receivers

1st Year
Northern Illinois '20



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Safeties

1st Year
Hanover College '12



Jalen Moss
Snipers

1st Year
St. Francis (Ind.) '20



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Eastern Michigan '20



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Originally completed in 1967 with a capacity of 16,000 fans, Ball State's Scheumann Stadium has grown into one of the top football facilities in the Mid-American Conference after a series of renovations that have increased its capacity to 22,500 and added a high definition video board and permanent lighting for night games.

The stadium is named in honor of former Ball State football letterwinner, the late John Scheumann, and his wife, June, who donated a \$4 million lead gift in the Stadium Campaign in 2005. In 2019, the field was named in recognition of Gainbridge to recognize the donation from company executive Daniel Towriss, '94, and his wife, Heather.

Paul and Patricia Koziel's gift of \$1.25 million during the Stadium Campaign was honored with the naming of the press box and entertainment suites as the Koziel Communications Center. The Stadium Campaign chairman, John Fisher, and his wife, Janice, donated \$510,000 to the campaign and were recognized in the naming of the John W. and Janice B. Fisher Football Training Complex.

A video board was added in the South end zone in 2013. In June 2015, the playing surface was replaced with Sprinturf as well as a new design featuring red end zones and the updated Cardinal head logo at midfield. The playing surface and stadium graphics were redesigned and installed again, in time for the 2025 season.

The latest addition to the stadium complex was the Ron and Joan Venderly Football Center at the southwest corner of the facility. The Venderly's generosity helped the Cardinals move into a state-of-the-art office complex with a theatre style team meeting room in the fall of 2016.

In the final regular season game of the 2008 season, a Scheumann Stadium record 23,861 fans (including a school-record 11,088 students) saw the Cardinals record a 45-22 victory over Western Michigan to win the MAC West Division title and finish the regular season with a perfect 12-0 record.

In addition to the single-game attendance record, the Cardinals had the best overall attendance in program history with 115,204 fans walking through the turnstiles over the course of six home games. BSU's average attendance of 19,201 for the 2008 season ranked second in program history, trailing only the 1997 average of 20,258.

Overall, Scheumann Stadium has seen 16 crowds of more than 20,000 fans. The very first game played at Scheumann Stadium saw Ball State defeat Butler on Oct. 21, 1967, by a score of 65-7.

The Cardinals are 174-122-4 (.587) all-time at Scheumann Stadium entering the 2025 season. Ball State has gone undefeated nine times at Scheumann Stadium, most recently in 2013.

Largest Scheumann Stadium Crowds

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|------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. 23,861 | vs. Western Michigan, 11/25/2008 |
| 2. 23,813 | vs. Indiana, 9/9/2006 |
| 3. 23,718 | vs. Boston College, 9/2/2004 |
| 4. 23,549 | vs. Indiana State, 8/28/2003 |
| 5. 22,517 | vs. Navy, 9/5/2008 |
| 6. 21,581 | vs. Toledo, 11/6/1997 |
| 7. 21,581 | vs. Toledo, 11/16/1996 |
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STADIUM RECORDS

RUSHING

Most Rushing Attempts

Individual: 44, Corey Croom vs. Kent State, 1991

Team: 78, by Central Michigan, 1974

Ball State: 74, vs. Illinois State, 1975

Most Rushing Yards

Individual: 353, Garrett Wolfe (NIU), 2006

Ball State: 242, Corey Croom vs. Miami, 1992

Team: 532, vs. Cal Poly Pomona, 1977

Most Rushing Touchdowns

Individual: 4, Michael Blair vs. Akron, 1994

Team: 8, vs. Cal Poly Pomona, 1977

PASSING

Most Passes Attempted

Individual: 71, Brogan Roback (EMU), 2016

Ball State: 71, Keith Wenning vs NIU, 2012

Team: 72, by Eastern Michigan, 2016

Ball State: 71, vs. Northern Illinois, 2012

Most Passes Completed

Individual: 42, Keith Wenning vs. NIU, 2012

Team: 42, vs. Northern Illinois, 2012

Most Passing Yards

Individual: 469, Mike Neu vs. Toledo, 1993

Team: 469, vs. Toledo, 1993

Most Passing Touchdowns

Individual: 6, Chad Pennington (Marshall), 1997

Ball State: 6, Keith Wenning vs Miami, 2013

Team: 6, by Marshall, 1997

Ball State: 6, last time vs. Miami, 2013

RECEIVING

Most Receptions

Individual: 16, Eric Page (Toledo), 2011

Ball State: 14, Jamill Smith vs. NIU, 2012

Most Receiving Yards

Individual: 297, Brian Oliver vs. Toledo, 1993

Most Touchdown Receptions

Individual: 5, Randy Moss (Marshall), 1997

Ball State: 4, Rick Morrison vs. EMU, 1977

SCORING

Most Points

Individual: 32, Randy Moss (Marshall), 1997

Ball State: 24, last by Darian Green vs. VMI, 2015

Team: 66, vs. Cal Poly Pomona, 1977

Most Touchdowns

Individual: 5, Randy Moss (Marshall), 1997

Ball State: 4, last by Darian Green vs. VMI, 2015

Most Field Goals

Individual: 5, Scott Secor vs. Akron, 2014

Team: 5, vs. Akron, 2014

Most Extra Points

Individual: 9, Jim Neddeff vs. Cal Poly Pomona, 1977

WR Jamill Smith



INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions

Individual: 3, 3x by Ball State, 4x by opponent

Team: 6, by Toledo, 1984

Ball State: 6, vs. Indiana State, 1990

Most Interception Return Yards

Individual: 100, Eric Manns (WMU), 1978

Ball State: 95, Phil Faris vs. Butler, 1967

Team: 183, by Western Michigan, 1978

Ball State: 128, vs. Butler, 1967

PUNTING

Most Punts

Individual: 12, Todd Van Keppel (NIU), 1981

Ball State: 11, Mike Schafer vs. Toledo, 1982

Highest Punting Average (min. 2 punts)

Individual: 57.5, Mark O'Connell vs. WMU, 1976

PUNT AND KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Punt Return Yards

Individual: 152, Tremayne Banks (Miami), 1982

Ball State: 138, Herb Jackson vs. Miami, 1989

Most Kickoff Return Yards

Individual: 168, LeAndre Moore vs. CMU, 1997

LONGEST PLAYS

Rush

Individual: 95, Matthew Domer (BGSU), 2015

Ball State: 85, LeAndre Moore vs. JMU, 1997

Pass Completion

Individual: 98, Mike Neu to Brian Oliver vs. Toledo, 1993

Punt

Individual: 78, last by Chris Miller vs. NDSU, 2006

Field Goal

Individual: 62, John Diettrich vs. Ohio, 1986

Punt Return

Individual: 89, Adrian Reese vs. Miami, 1998

Kickoff Return

Individual: 100, last by Marcus Thigpen (Indiana), 2006

Ball State: 100, last by Corey Parchman vs. Toledo, 2001



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Ron and Joan Venderly Football Team Center

The Ron and Joan Venderly Football Center is located at the southwest corner of the John B. and June M. Scheumann Stadium and adjacent to the John W. and Janice B. Fisher Football Training Complex. The facility, completed in the summer of 2016, allowed for the repurposing of existing space to better serve student-athletes.

The Scheumann Family Team Meeting Room, a theater style meeting area with 140 seats for the team, coaches and staff, is the centerpiece of the 12,633 square foot Venderly Football Center. Dedicated coaches' offices, a full coaching staff meeting room and a recruiting lounge are also a part of the facility.

Ron and Joan Venderly's passion for higher education and athletics has led to exceptional support of Ball State for more than 20 years. The late Ron, MA '64, received the President's Medal from Ball State in 2009. His various affiliations with the university included membership with the Cardinal Commitment

Campaign Committee, Teachers College Deans Advisory Council, Founders Society and the Cardinal Varsity Club. As part of the Cardinal Commitment: Developing Champions Campaign, Ron and Joan Venderly were the lead benefactors to the Venderly Football Center.

In 2014, Joan received the Honorary Alumni Award, the highest honor given to individuals who are not Ball State graduates but who have made significant contributions to the university's welfare, reputation, prestige and pursuit of excellence.



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In May of 2019, the Ball State University Board of Trustees announced the approval of a \$15 million indoor practice facility for athletics.

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Serving as critical practice space for football, softball, baseball, and soccer during inclement weather, it made an immediate impact on the competitive experience of Ball State's student-athletes.

The indoor space also provides additional opportunities for the entire campus and broader community, including the Pride of Mid-America Marching Band.

The facility was named the Scheumann Family Indoor Practice Facility in honor of June and the late John Scheumann, '71, who made the lead gift. The field inside the practice facility is named Briner Field to honor Peggy and Kenneth Briner, '69.

Overall, the 84,000 square-foot facility features a field-turf surface measuring 360' x 160' and regulation-sized competition field with a ceiling height of 65'. Retractable netting, batting cages, and storage provide the necessary amenities for teams to conduct training. The facility is conveniently located adjacent to the Fisher Training Complex on the footprint of the previous grass practice fields.



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Ball State players have appeared on NFL rosters over the years

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31

30

Cardinals have been selected in the NFL Draft

Willie Snead IV | Recently retired after 10 NFL seasons and three with the San Francisco 49ers. Snead retired with 3,445 career receiving yards.



Danny Pinter

A fifth-round draft pick in 2020, Pinter enters his fifth season as offensive lineman with the Colts.



Keith Wenning | BSU's all-time leading passer has played with four NFL teams, most recently the Giants in 2017.

► THE LEGACY



Blaine Bishop | Four-time Pro Bowl safety with the Titans and Oilers.



Brad Maynard | Punted in Super Bowls for the Giants and Bears during 15-year career.



Keith McKenzie | Had 29.5 NFL sacks and won Super Bowl XXXI with the Packers.



CARDINALS IN THE AFC



AFC NORTH

Cincinnati Bengals:

Shafer Suggs
Mark O'Connell
Tim Walton
Cory Gilliard
Michael Blair
Darius Hill
Keith Wenning
Drew Plitt

Cleveland Browns:

Tony Nibbs
Keith McKenzie
Brad Maynard
Reggie Hodges

Baltimore Ravens:

Andre Ramsey
Keith Wenning
Willie Snead IV

Pittsburgh Steelers:

Ray Wilborn

AFC SOUTH

Indianapolis Colts:

Tim Brown
Mark Boggs
Eugene Riley
Jonathan Newsome
Eric Patterson
Kitt O'Brien
Kevonn Mabon
Anthony Winbush
Danny Pinter

Jacksonville Jaguars:

Corey Parchman
Darius Hill
Jahwan Edwards

Houston Texans:

Antonio Phillips

Tennessee Titans:

Art Stringer
John Dietrich
Ron Duncan
Blaine Bishop
Reggie Hodges

AFC EAST

Buffalo Bills:

Keith McKenzie
Andre Ramsey
Robert Eddins
Michael Switzer

Miami Dolphins:

Bernie Parmalee
Raphael Ball
Andre Ramsey
Jahwan Edwards

New York Jets:

Oscar Lubke
Shafer Suggs
Bernie Parmalee
Dante Ridgeway
Reggie Hodges
Andre Ramsey

New England Patriots:

Corey Croom
Cory Gilliard
Reggie Hodges

AFC WEST

Denver Broncos:

Maurice Harvey
Cory Gilliard
Ray Wilborn

Los Angeles Chargers:

Jose Munoz
Justin Riley
A.J. Uzodinma

Kansas City Chiefs:

Ken Kremer
Aaron Johnson
Nic Jones

Las Vegas Raiders:

Maurice Harvey
Willie Snead IV
Bryce Cosby



NFC NORTH

Chicago Bears:

Terry Schmidt
Jon Hoke
Brad Maynard
Keith McKenzie

Detroit Lions:

Jim Todd
Maurice Harvey
Jerome Davis
John Wacker
Tim Walton
Eugene Riley
Dan Gerberry
Loren Strickland

Green Bay Packers:

Tim Brown
Maurice Harvey
Ed Konopasek
Keith McKenzie
Michael Blair
Ray Wilborn

NFC SOUTH

Tampa Bay Buccaneers:

Maurice Harvey
Sean Baker

Atlanta Falcons:

Sean Baker
Jahwan Edwards
Caleb Huntley

Carolina Panthers:

Andre Ramsey
Willie Snead IV

New Orleans Saints:

Elie Ghattas
Don Burchfield
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NFC EAST

Washington Commanders:

Raphael Ball

Dallas Cowboys:

Merv Rettenmund
Justin Beriault
Robert Brewster

Philadelphia Eagles:

Tim Brown
Jim Todd
Tim Walton
Blaine Bishop
Reggie Hodges

New York Giants:

Jim Micklos
Brad Maynard
Raphael Ball
Rachman Crable
Keith Wenning

NFC WEST

Arizona Cardinals:

Amos Van Pelt
Rush Brown

San Francisco 49ers:

Nate Davis
Willie Snead IV

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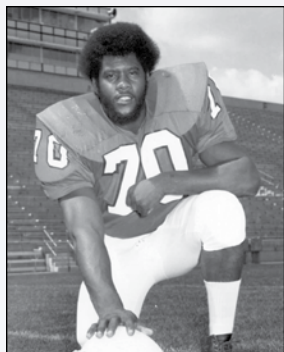
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(First Team, 1972)

Rush Brown
*Newspaper Enterprise
Association*
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Tim Brown
Williamsburg Rating Service
(Second Team, 1958)

John Dietrich
The Associated Press
(Second Team, 1985)
The Sporting News
(Second Team, 1986)
The Associated Press
(Third Team, 1986)

Mitch Hoban
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Ken Kremer
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Oscar Lubke
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Chris Miller
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Dante Ridgeway
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Southern Football Weekly
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David Haugh	1989
Troy Hoffer	1991, 1992
Briggs Orsbon	2011
Greg Shackelford	1988

Second Team

Tim Clary	1978, 1979, 1980
Bryce Cosby	2020
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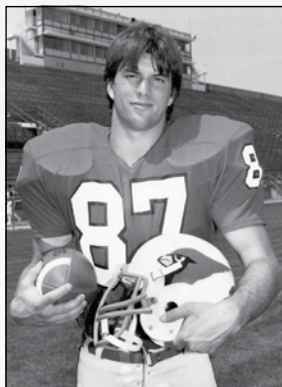
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Art Yaroch	1977



Ron Duncan
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Donte Ridgeway
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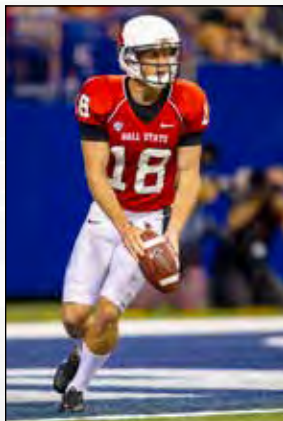
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President Geoffrey S. Mearns

Geoffrey S. Mearns has served as Ball State University's 17th president since May 2017.

Under President Mearns' leadership, Ball State has solidified its reputation as one of the leading public universities in the country. Ball State is recognized for its premier academic programs, its commitment to community engagement, and its reputation as an outstanding employer.

President Mearns' strategic plan for Ball State, Destination 2040: Our Flight Path, outlines the University's ambitious goals for its second century. The plan provides a framework for five long-term goals for 2040. These goals enable Ball State to prepare students for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives, while strengthening the community, providing economic and social benefit to the region and state, and offering leadership by example across the country and around the world.

During his tenure, President Mearns has also pursued initiatives that have increased alumni engagement and fundraising. The upward trajectory of Ball State's fundraising success has contributed greatly to the University's latest comprehensive fundraising campaign, Our Call to Beneficence, which President Mearns launched publicly in Fall 2023.

Led by President Mearns, Ball State's public-private partnerships have also flourished. The University is implementing its long-term plan to revitalize The Village, the commercial district located immediately adjacent to Ball State's campus. And since 2018, the University has been engaged in a historic partnership with Muncie Community Schools (MCS). As a result of this partnership, student enrollment at MCS has stabilized; budgets have been balanced annually; and compensation for teachers and staff has increased by nearly 40 percent.

President Mearns' commitment to the greater community includes his service as one of the co-chairs of Next Muncie, a team of local leaders committed to advancing the redevelopment of downtown Muncie and its adjacent neighborhoods. He also serves as a member of the IU Health East Central Region Board of Directors.

As a former competitive college athlete, President Mearns has been actively involved in NCAA governance, including: Division I Board of Directors; Division I Administrative Committee; Chair, Division I Infractions Process Committee; Division I Budget and Finance Committee; and Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee. President Mearns is also the chair of the Mid-American Council of Presidents.

President Mearns earned his undergraduate degree in English from Yale University and a law degree from the University of Virginia, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif national honors society.

President Mearns and his wife, Jennifer, have five children and four grandchildren.



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Director of Athletics Jeff Mitchell

Jeff Mitchell was introduced as the Cardinals' Director of Athletics on February 6, 2023. A respected administrator with more than two decades of experience in higher education and athletics administration, Mitchell is currently in his third year as a member of the Ball State University senior executive team and leads an athletics department that sponsors 19 programs with more than 450 student-athletes.

During his first two years at the helm, Mitchell's leadership has fostered significant competitive success, new standards of academic excellence, an increased commitment to community engagement, enhanced growth in philanthropic support and revenue generation, and an investment into comprehensive facility improvements.

In Mitchell's second full year guiding the Cardinals' sports enterprise, he led Ball State to securing its first-ever Carol A. Cartwright Award, signifying the Mid-American Conference's best overall athletics program while weighing academic excellence, athletic success and civic engagement – as voted upon by each of the MAC's 13 institutions. In 2024-25, the Cardinals saw five programs finish in the top four of MAC conference play, including women's basketball's MAC regular season and tournament titles along with national qualifiers in indoor track, outdoor track, and men's and women's

golf. Academically, Ball State's performance established a new standard in 2024-25 as all 19 varsity programs recorded a team GPA above 3.0 in both semesters, with the department achieving its highest spring semester GPA in the past decade (3.487) and its highest full-year GPA in 10 years (3.46). In the community, the Cardinals logged more than 4,200 hours of community service in Muncie and in East Central Indiana.

Mitchell's emphasis and everyday focus calls for positivity, building foundations for future success, and "making excellence routine." In addition to the competitive and academic milestones, Mitchell negotiated a new multimedia rights deal with Peak Sports MGMT valued at more than \$10 million dollars while fundraising for Ball State athletics has recorded its highest two-year total ever with more than \$17.9 million raised. Also, nearly every one of Ball State's sports venues has undergone significant change over the past two years. Completed or approved construction projects account for approximately \$25 million in facility enhancements. The new \$7.8 million Eric Foss Championship Performance Center is currently under construction while new playing surfaces and flooring systems have been upgraded at Scheumann Stadium (football), the Briner Sports Complex (field hockey and track), the Foster Adams Family Tennis Complex and Bill Richards Tennis Courts, Worthen Arena for basketball, volleyball, and gymnastics, and at Shebek Stadium (baseball) and the Ball State Softball Stadium. Says Mitchell, "These facilities are our foundation – for student athletes, for fans, for recruits, and for overall success."

During his tenure, Mitchell has helped guide Ball State athletics to nine conference championships and advance to 27 team and individual postseason appearances. That success earned Ball State the prestigious Jacoby Trophy in 2023 awarded to the MAC institution with the top-rated women's program, while the Cardinals also finished second for



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the Reese Trophy awarded to the league's top performing men's program. Ball State finished in the top 25 percent of all Division I athletics programs in the LEARFIELD Director's Cup and the highest ranking in the Mid-American Conference in 2023.

The Cardinals have placed in the top three among MAC schools in the LEARFIELD Director's Cup in three of the past four years, and twice in those four years have earned the MAC's Institutional Achievement Award given to the conference's best scoring institution based on academic success.

Prior to arriving in Muncie, Mitchell served as Deputy Director of Athletics at the University of Southern Mississippi for nearly five years and managed the daily operations of the Golden Eagles' athletics department while providing leadership for special projects, such as "#ToTheTop25," the department's strategic plan. He also negotiated a long-term, \$19 million-dollar multimedia partnership with LEARFIELD.

Mitchell served as the Southern Miss interim director of athletics during the 2018-19 academic year. He also assisted in the planning and development of \$7.5 million in facility upgrades at Southern Miss, including a new student-athlete academic center, a new synthetic turf baseball field and state-of-the-art LED lighting system, a new basketball court redesign and state-of-the-art LED lighting system, and enhancements to the baseball locker room, the M-Club lounge and kitchen, and the athletics administration building.

For the Golden Eagles, Mitchell served as the primary sport administrator for men's basketball and baseball in addition to serving as the administrator for football scheduling. During Mitchell's tenure at Southern Miss, baseball made four NCAA regional appearances and two super regional appearances while men's basketball played in the CBI postseason tournament in 2019 and the NIT in 2023. The football team participated in the Armed Forces Bowl following the 2019 season and won the 2022 LendingTree Bowl.

Mitchell joined Southern Miss after a successful 12-year stint at Santa Clara University where he climbed from volunteer to interim director of athletics. Mitchell served as the interim director of athletics for five months in 2015 and then served as senior associate athletics director for external relations until



August 2018. He was the sport administrator for the Bronco men's basketball and baseball programs, was a member of the West Coast Conference basketball cabinet and served a three-year term on the NCAA Division I Baseball Regional Advisory Committee for the West Region (2015-17). During his time at Santa Clara, the Broncos secured 22 team NCAA tournament bids, 11 individual NCAA postseason invitations across eight different sports, and seven WCC championships. The Broncos claimed two postseason tournament titles in men's basketball in 2011 (CIT) and 2013 (CBI).

Mitchell is the co-author of a textbook entitled "Sport, Ethics and Leadership," which was published in 2017, and he served as an adjunct professor of business leadership at Southern Miss. He earned his Bachelor of Arts (2001) and Master of Business Administration (2003) degrees from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, where he was a four-year member of the varsity baseball team, a four-year member of the athletic department's sports information staff, and assistant baseball coach. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 2005, where he also served as a graduate assistant in the external relations unit and primarily worked with the Ole Miss football and men's basketball programs.

Mitchell and his wife, April, are parents to two children, daughter, Harper Wynne (16), and son, Carson (12).





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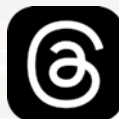
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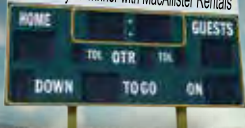
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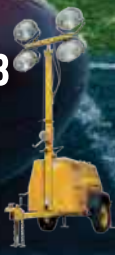


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Charlie Cardinal has served as the official mascot of Ball State University's intercollegiate athletics program since 1969.

In the fall of 1969, the first tryouts were held for Charlie Cardinal. The original Charlie was portrayed through a paper mache, feathered, smiling Cardinal head piece. Over the last 53 years, Charlie's appearance has changed five times.

After the 1969 original Charlie, the 1970s version included a fiberglass head and red suit with yellow leggings.

In the mid-1980s, the costume changed to feature a body suit in red feathers, while the head piece grew in size and appearance.

In 2006, the suit was replaced with a new, slimmer suit to allow for comfort and greater flexibility. The new Charlie Cardinal suit is similar to those worn by professional mascots for ease of movement, sight and comfort.

The head was updated in 2012 to help with agility and breathe-ability. Also, Charlie's feet were updated to smaller talons to help with mobility.

In the summer of 2023, Charlie was reconditioned with a leaner, more muscular physique.

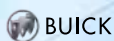
The spirited host of Ball State, Charlie Cardinal is an ambassador for the university as he makes guest appearances around the state of Indiana and the nation.

For more information on Charlie Cardinal, or to inquire about Charlie appearing at your event, contact the Marketing & Fan Engagement Office at charlie@bsu.edu or (765) 285-3243.



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